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## Bag-a-Stag round two

Robert Mogran  
*Sports Editor*

It's time once again for the Sacred Heart University and Fairfield University men's basketball teams to face off in a battle for bragging rights. The two schools came to a historical agreement last year to compete against each other for the first time in Division I history. Last year's series was a huge success and the rivalry is sure to intensify with each season.

**What:** Sacred Heart University Pioneers vs. Fairfield Stags men's basketball game.

**When:** Tues. Nov. 18 at 7 p.m.

**Where:** The Arena at Harbor Yard, Bridgeport

**Last Year:** After opening up a 14 point lead early in the first half, the Pioneers lost to the Stags 84-75.

**This Year:** SHU get ready for a soon-to-be rematch against the Stags.

## DR. CERNERA PRESENTED WITH ANNUAL FRIAR AWARD

Dennis Conrad  
*Staff Reporter*

Dr. Anthony J. Cernera, president of Sacred Heart University, received the Graymoor award at the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement 15th annual Sharing Hope Dinner in New York City which benefits the good works of the Graymoor Friars.

"It's truly a great honor to be recognized for the work I've put in," said Dr. Cernera.

The Graymoor Award is presented annually to persons who have shown an outstanding commitment to helping others and inspiring hope.

"The Friars of the Atonement and Dr. Cernera share the belief that unity is both desirable and possible. Through his lifetime

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President-elect Barack Obama and his family wave to the crowd of supporters after giving his victory speech on Nov. 4.

## Students sparked with election interest

*Polls show student's predictions and satisfaction with election results*

Leslie Bradshaw  
*Staff Reporter*

This year's presidential election was the first indication that the tides of youth political culture are about to change.

The two candidates used change as a foundation for their campaigns. The 2008 presidential election showed an increase in the number of youth voters, as America ushered in its first African-American president, Barack Obama.

"Students were definitely more interested in the election this time around," said Dr. Steven Michels, professor of government and politics.

The Spectrum newspaper conducted a pre-election poll of 100 students and found that Sacred Heart students predicted Obama would be the winner, 55 percent to 45 percent.

According to the Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement (CIRCLE), this was a fair estimate of the election's results, as they found that youth voters

avored Obama over John McCain in the election, 53 percent to 46 percent.

CIRCLE, which is based at Tufts University and is the nation's premier nonpartisan research center on the civic engagement of the youth population, found that between 52 and 53 percent of the youth vote participated in this election, and represented 18 percent of the total number of voters.

This spirit of civic engagement was also felt at Sacred Heart University, where according to the Spectrum's post-election poll, more than 99 percent of the 183 students polled, watched the election coverage.

At an election night party for results coverage, held on Nov. 4 in the University Commons, there was also a marked increase in the number of students who were present.

The election night party was hosted by Sacred Heart student government.

"We had about 150 students come and go throughout the night on Tuesday," said Michels. "For the last election night party we had 12."

The outcome of students at the event seemed to show how much politics has influenced and effected young people now, compared to in the past.

Some attribute the increase in youth interest in politics to Obama, and the message of change he has brought to the political scene.

"In some respects, the Obama candidacy has captured the imagination of young people in a manner similar to John F. Kennedy and Bobby Kennedy," said Dr. Gary Rose, department chair of government and politics. "A new generation of political activists is emerging in America."

According to the Spectrum's most recent poll, over 57 percent of students reported being satisfied with the election's results. The results show how much this election has become an important part of young people.

Also, in a previous poll conducted by the Spectrum, students shared their opinions of social and political issues that are important to them. Over 50 percent of

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# News

## NASPA honors two SHU students

Brittany Barbarise  
Staff Reporter

From Nov. 9 through Nov. 12, two recipients from Sacred Heart University will be receiving the Connecticut National Association of Student Personnel Administrators award (NASPA).

The NASPA award is given to honor colleagues who have demonstrated exemplarily service, a commitment to students, a desire to achieve, and for those who demonstrate outstanding leadership qualities.

Jennifer Crowhurst, Resident Hall Director (RHD) in Christian Witness Commons has been named winner of the Richard F. Stevens Outstanding Graduate Student Award.

The other winner, Kaitlin Mulqueen, Senior Resident Assistant (SRA) in Roncalli Hall and President of Habitat for

Humanity, has been selected for the "Catch A Rising Star" student of the year award.

"I love being involved and doing things on campus and I never look for recognition for what I do," said Mulqueen. "I participate in Habitat and am an SRA because I enjoy it. It's nice to be recognized by others with this award."

Crowhurst is in her second year as the Hall Director of one of the sophomore dorm buildings and is a graduate student in the Master of Religious Studies program at Sacred Heart.

Crowhurst is constantly working on improving the student experience as well as putting together an organized staff along with her Resident Advisors.

"I found out on Oct. 30 that I was nominated; this also gave me the ability to go to the conference to receive the award,"

said Crowhurst. "Unfortunately, because I am a grad assistant and taking classes, I will not be able to go. I will be involved in school but someone will be picking up my plaque for me."

In addition to her position as RHD, Crowhurst is involved in many other campus wide committees such as, the Alcohol and Other Drug Coalition and the Body Image Task Force.

"I am really honored and very excited to receive such an award. I think that as a hall director and a grad assistant we do a lot of work and I am very excited that I was nominated for the award," said Crowhurst.

Last year, Sacred Heart was recognized for the "Program of the Year" award, for the Student Affairs Lecture Series that was conducted on campus.

Only recently did Sacred Heart find out that their two mem-

bers of the Residential Life staff were going to be the recipients for different awards this year.

"First of all because I feel that just being nominated is an honor enough, no less being the actual winner of the award too," said Crowhurst.

Mulqueen, a Psychology major, grew up in York, Maine. On campus she works for the department of residential life, leads the Sacred Heart chapter of Habitat for Humanity and the Sunshine Kids program.

Within the programs Mulqueen works on, she volunteers her time regularly to help inner-city students from Bridgeport.

As a SRA, one of Mulqueen's responsibilities is to be a role model for the students and fellow staff members. She has become a familiar face to many at Sacred Heart because of her various

leadership roles and volunteer service.

"I am grateful that I received this award and can represent SHU at the conference," said Mulqueen. "It would have been great if anyone from SHU received this award and it means a lot that it was me. I can't believe that I won for the State of Connecticut for 2008."

Both winners will be recognized at this year's NASPA Region I Conference in Hyannisport, Mass. In addition to being acknowledged at Conference's Recognition Banquet.

"When I came to SHU as a freshman I became involved right away," said Mulqueen. "Being involved in volunteer programs has made my experience at SHU a wonderful one. Everything I'm involved in has opened my eyes to new experiences and new friends."

## Welch College of Business among Princeton Review's top 296 schools

Catherine Oehm  
Staff Reporter

Sacred Heart University's John F. Welch College of Business is featured in the Princeton Review's just-published 2009 edition of the New York-based education services company of its Best 296 Business Schools.

According to the Princeton Review, the Welch College of Business is an "outstanding" business school.

Just two years after the University's founding, Sacred Heart has been providing business education since 1965 with the first graduate program the Masters of Business Administration (MBA). The business school was named for Jack Welch, GE's former Chairman and CEO, in Jan. 2006.

According to Sacred Heart's Web site, the Welch College of Business' mission is to foster a learning community rooted in the Catholic intellectual tradition and to provide students with business knowledge and appropriate skills, and to develop undergraduate and graduate students prepared to achieve their personal and professional goals in the business community and global society. The curriculum underlines core business skills in knowledge, ethics, and communication skills.

"The Welch College of Business offers students financial forums," said business student, senior Scott Panza. "I went to one on the financial crisis and ways to fix it. They have speakers from different companies and brokerage firms come and talk to students."

The emphasis on understanding of the global marketplace, hands on learning, and the state-of-the-art technology attributes the Welch College of Business. It is accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business International, the premier global accrediting body for schools of business, among an elite membership of fewer than 10 percent of business schools worldwide.

In today's dynamic economic environment, investing is changing and expanding globally. The Welch College of Business introduces a new graduate certificate in Global Investments that will provide rigorous training and expertise for those working in the financial services industry.

"I'm a little worried about my field during our financial crisis but I feel confident after learning in detail about our economic state and ways to get out of it," said Panza. "There were a lot of mistakes made but we're learning from them and many compa-

nies need people to step in and fix the mistakes."

The Welch College of Business emphasizes global awareness and an international perspective across the curriculum. Sacred Heart's MBA students have the opportunity to study abroad at the school's own campus in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg. Students can study in the international community for two weeks in an intensive course to a full year program at the universities Luxembourg location.

"All of my courses in the Welch College of Business emphasize a business ethic throughout the whole world and getting bigger globally through international trades," said Panza.

Faculty members in the Welch College of Business have earned top academic awards and honors for research and publications.

The College published the New England Journal of Entrepreneurship twice annually. The faculty consists of 40 professors who combine academic expertise with past and present experience as corporate executives in a diverse array of businesses.

Many degree options in the Welch College of Business include traditional full-time and part-time MBA programs, a five-year program leading to a combined bachelor's and master's degree in business, and an MBA for students with undergraduate degrees in the liberal arts and sciences. Professional certificates can be earned in international business, leadership, accounting, corporate finance, and marketing.

"The College helps us find internships, they are especially supportive of finding internships while going to school," said Panza.

The Welch College of Business' location in Fairfield County gives students unlimited access to internships, employment and corporate professionals due to the close proximity of New York City and Boston.

Some of the major companies such as GE, PricewaterhouseCoopers, IBM, Unilever, Credit Suisse First Boston, NASDAQ, Madison Square Garden, Tetley USA, Pepperidge Farm, Octagon Sport Marketing and Ernst & Young have offered internships and or jobs to Sacred Heart University students.

"I'm pretty confident getting a job after I graduate because I feel secure about what I have learned and career development helps us out a lot," said Panza. "The College teaches us many ways to find a job and helps us out along the way."

## President recognized for community commitment

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commitment to ecumenical and interfaith dialogue, he has reached out to people of good will in the interest of creating a more just and humane society," said Thomas V. Forget, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs.

According to Funda Alp, director of communications, the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement are particularly associated with ministries that encourage unity and interfaith dialogue among Christians, Jews, Muslims and Buddhists.

"Sacred Heart University has established a strong reputation for its own efforts to build bridges of understanding and peace. Dr. Cernera, as a co-founder of the university's center for Christian and Jewish understanding, has been a vocal and much respected force for such efforts, and the bestowing of the Graymoor award recognizes his tireless work in this regard," said Alp.

Dr. Cernera saw this award as not only an achievement that identifies his hard work, but the schools as well.

"The award not only honors me for all of my good work, but for all the good work that the Sacred Heart community has put in as well," said Cernera.

In order to receive this tribute, there are a number of character traits you must possess and one of them is a strict and unique way to challenge students.

"As an educator in the Catholic intellectual tradition, he recognizes that education must engage and challenge the whole person. This includes the mind, spirit and body. This important award confirms his standing as a national leader in matters of the mind and the heart," said Forget.



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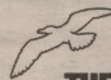
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# News

## Conflict in Congo ignites interest at Sacred Heart

Ines Cenatiempo  
Staff Reporter

The reports of genocide being committed in the Congo may seem very far away, but for Sacred Heart University professor Alka Jauhari, the problems could show up close to home.

"Any volatile situation like this has its implications for the international community because these rebels have access to all kinds of weapons, and they don't feel shy to use them," said Jauhari, a professor in the department of international affairs. "The civilian population is being displaced, there is poverty and hunger, so when there is violence it becomes the feeding ground for any kind of terrorist activity."

At the time when the genocide in Rwanda ended in July, 1994, with the help of weapons from eastern Congo, the Tutsi minority were able to take over the reins in Rwanda. What has happened is that there is a group of militia which has been created in eastern Congo, Tutsi rebel groups, and what they are doing is causing violence against the Hutu majority which fled to Congo after the genocide, said Jauhari.

Tutsi rebels in eastern Congo have been accused of killing civilians as they seized a town that had been the stronghold of Hutu militias, and forcing tens of thousands of people from their homes. After two days of fighting, scores of bodies lay in the streets and homes of Kiwanja, a town in eastern Congo, which was seized by the Tutsi renegade general Laurent Nkunda last week, as stated in the UK publication The Guardian.

The Tutsis trying to save their fellow people from the Hutu militia is only one part of the conflict.

According to Spiegel Online International, the fear that these adversaries may exterminate one another may be great, but is as important is the battle over the natural resources that make Congo rich.

Students who've become aware of the dangerous situation are also concerned.

"I think any crisis of this nature is important for students to research because it puts our abundance in perspective," said senior Caroline Saxe. "It is easy to get carried away with our daily problems, but when put in context, a global context, our issues seem insignificant compared to the hardships in the Congo."

Jauhari also spoke about the situation being affected by the president-elect Barack Obama.

"Whether Obama is of African descent or not, whoever the president is has to recognize the fact that Africa is important," said Jauhari. "Environmentally, politically, and economically, the U.S. cannot ignore it because by 2015 the U.S. will be importing 25 percent of its oil from Africa; considering the turmoil in the Middle East, the U.S. has to make sure that resource stays secure somehow."

The conflict in Congo has already had its effects in the United Nations.

"Nkunda's attack has crippled the United Nations because they can no longer fulfill their mandate," said Spiegel. "The U.N. has left themselves in the grip of an undisciplined army, which itself spreads fear and terror; the confrontation in the eastern part of the country has been smoldering for too long, and too many interests are profiting from the war."

According to Jauhari, civilians have been in the cross fire. They have been uprooted from their homes, and this is creating a humanitarian crisis. It is one thing that they are trying to save their fellow Tutsis from the Hutu majority in the background of the genocide, but the Tutsi rebels themselves are responsible for a lot of the violent acts, like murder, rape, and looting of properties.

In light of Obama's rise to presidency, Sacred Heart students are commenting on his policies on foreign affairs and the humanitarian crises in Africa and other nations.



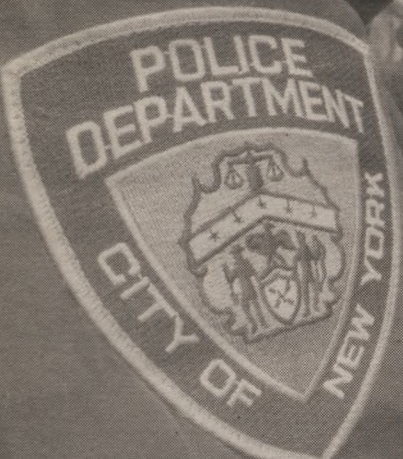
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Peacekeepers from United Nations patrol in eastern Congo. The area is held by rebel leader Laurent Nkunda and is frequent to ethnic based conflicts.

"I think it is so important that Obama will be our president because he is fundamentally a humanitarian, which will only help the issues in the Congo. Conversely, I think he will first focus on the major economic issues of our country so that we can continue to be a positive humanitarian force in the world," said Saxe.

The consequences of this conflict are also important on an international scale, which can affect students, said Jauhari. Africa is also a country which the United States depends on for oil and mineral resources, so whatever situation goes on there has implications on the U.S.

"It's important that there should be peace around the world, no failed states, no poverty or hunger, because all this makes the masses vulnerable to taking up arms and doing activities which are not beneficial to the international society," said Jauhari. "Countries like the United States can't think that because this is happening thousands of miles away that they don't have to care about it."



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## Political Pedestal



### Democracy at its best Americans make the right choice

Chris  
LeBeau  
*Democratic  
Columnist*



Winning by a landslide victory, President-elect Barack Obama has made history by being the first African-American President of the United States.

The U.S. is a country founded by our forefathers who practiced slavery in a time when such was morally acceptable and unquestioned; it is a country that has struggled through great hostilities and the civil rights movement, has greatly progressed towards a better future by electing Obama.

By winning the presidency, Obama has given hope to many Americans so that they too can fulfill the American dream of success, working towards achieving dreams, and a better life.

The previous glass ceilings that have defined societal norms have been shattered and severely diminished through this election process. Furthermore, the fact that a women candidate came so close to becoming the democratic presidential candidate and that an African-American became president speaks volumes about how far this country has come.

Besides the failing economy and the desperate need for change from the failed policies of President George W. Bush, one main reason for Obama's win is the fact that he did not run for black America, white America, more 'patriotic parts of America,' or any type of America. Instead, he ran for a better America.

He did not run as an African-American candidate for president, but he ran as an American looking to improve the U.S. and bring the change this country needs to put us back on the right path for a better today and more importantly, a better tomorrow.

I had the pleasure of working the polls on Election Day and had the chance to see at its best. I watched as many voters poured in and out of the polls to have a say in the presidential election.

First time voters and voters who have never missed an election came out to vote and voice their opinions.

This particular election was more than your average election; this presidential race reignited the flames of democracy in this country. People from all walks of life became enthralled with the political process and support for their candidate.

One of the prominent campaign slogans was 'Change We Need,' and as badly as we do need change from the failed Bush policies, the slogan that came out after Obama was declared the winner should be "Change We Remember."

Obama's victory speech was a thrilling way to end an exciting campaign. People of all backgrounds were electric about his campaign and his victory. People were partying and rioting with elation in the streets of every major city in the U.S. and in cities across the world.

People will remember this election and the movement that Obama has started. People who would never have been previously interested in politics became interested because of Obama. That interest will carry on to future elections and people will remember how they participated in a part of history.

This election truly demonstrated the American dream, that is, if you work hard you can achieve great things. Obama proved this and showed that no matter where you come from, if you work hard you can open up huge opportunities.

While I was out at the polls I heard a beautiful quote about the opportunity that Obama has created: "Rosa Parks sat so Martin Luther King could walk, Martin Luther King walked so Obama could run, Obama ran so future generations could fly."

### Majority elects Obama but large minority question future

Carli-Rae  
Panny  
*Republican  
Columnist*



Now we're in trouble.

This was my initial thought when news broke that Sen. Barack Obama had won the presidential election. Like other McCain supporters, I felt defeated, but mostly, I was shocked.

Much like most of the media, I had truly believed that by the end of Election Day, it would be impossible to decipher a definite winner.

Prior to Nov. 4, it seemed the results might mimic the 2000 election when the nation had to wait through a long and confusing few weeks before it was announced that Pres. George W. Bush had won against VP Al Gore.

Though it was clear at approximately 11 p.m. that Obama had officially and overwhelmingly won the electoral vote, it was the popular vote that was won by a much narrower margin.

While this fact could leave a Republican somewhat bitter, I realize that holding a grudge against our future president isn't the best way to show my American pride.

It is obviously the U.S. democratic system that allows us the right to vote and America has spoken.

Unless you plan on protesting the use of the Electoral College, there's not much more you could possibly complain about because ultimately, Americans made the decision.

Personally, I think McCain deserves a lot of credit. Although I don't think he made the best decisions in every aspect of his campaign, he deserves a lot of credit. After all, he had to run against his own party. Unlike previous elections, where the current president helps support and

campaign with the party's favored candidate, McCain was almost alone.

I think McCain's demise was the result of a lack of support from many present and past government employees who are known Republicans. Another factor was the need for McCain to break away from his own party and not put himself in the same line as the Bush administration. On the other side of the spectrum was Obama, who seemed to have all of the star power including Hollywood celebrities and crucial political endorsements.

It's like McCain said during his appearance on "Saturday Night Live," "I'm not like my opponent. My only showbiz connections are Jon Voight and Heidi from 'The Hills.'"

I definitely have my doubts when it comes to Obama's stance on issues such as homeland security, health care, immigration, and taxes. I feel that throughout his campaign he failed to really answer the questions at hand and explain exactly how he is going to "change" the U.S.

One aspect that I do not appreciate is the role the media has played throughout the presidential race. I think that too much focus was put on the fact that Obama is the first black man to be elected as president. Although this is a huge accomplishment, one that shouldn't be ignored, it shouldn't be the main focal point.

In the end, he is a human, just like any other politician, so can skin color stop being a topic, please? The glass ceiling has fallen so let's move forward and leave the shattered pieces in the past.

I've come to the realization that it doesn't matter which candidate you voted for in the 2008 election. Obama will be Commander-in-Chief in January and from there our country will undergo a major transformation.

Come what may, we are Americans and we have the strength to persevere through any situation.

## Student body shares political opinions in recent poll

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students polled said that education and the economy were the most important issues for them.

According to "US News and World Report," youths have been showing concern over the economy long before the recent economic crisis, and this contributed to mobilizing their vote.

"Some estimates say that their generation will be the first that won't be financially better off than that of their parents," said Ruggeri. "They're dealing with more college debt than ever - nearly \$20,000 for the average student."

Sacred Heart students have also expressed a desire to see a change in the way Americans elect their president and vice-president.

While over 56 percent of students agree with the use of the Electoral College, over 68 percent of students said they think the system should be revised.

"Although reformers would like to have a direct

popular vote, the fact of the matter is that the Electoral College has contributed to the stability of the American republic," said Rose. "Moreover, the two-major parties benefit from the Electoral College. Democratic and Republican members of Congress would therefore be reluctant to reform a mechanism that has helped sustain their political power."

While the Electoral College is the deciding factor in every presidential election, Sacred Heart students still joined youths from around the country, going to the polls in droves and casting their votes.

As students, they had a few options as to how they could place their votes.

For those living away from home, there was the absentee ballot, which over 58 percent of students reported using in the Spectrum's poll.

Almost 42 percent of Sacred Heart students said they were able to vote in person at their appointed poll-

ing location. This is mostly due to people living close to Sacred Heart, being motivated by this election to get to the polls and for many, their first time ever getting to vote.

Some students went so far as to register to vote through their dorm or off-campus housing so as to be able to participate in this election. E-mails were sent globally through Sacred Heart's e-mail system, alerting students of the shuttles that were running to designated polling places.

Late on Tuesday Nov. 4, President-Elect Obama addressed Americans in Grant Park in Chicago. In a statement directed at the public at large, he said something that resonated particularly with many youth voters.

"It's been a long time coming, but tonight, because of what we did on this day, in this election, at this defining moment, change has come to America," said Obama.



# Perspectives

## Public safety works to keep students protected

Elise Silverstone  
Staff Reporter

It's 11 p.m. You're walking to your car in the north parking lot of Sacred Heart University. Besides a few cars several feet away, you are alone. Do you feel safe?

Jack Fernandez, director of public safety, assures students that SHU is a secure site and that public safety officers are always around.

"Sacred Heart University is a safe campus at all times of the day," said Fernandez. "We have officers who patrol 24/7 on foot, bike or in a vehicle. Faculty, staff and students work together to keep the campus safe."

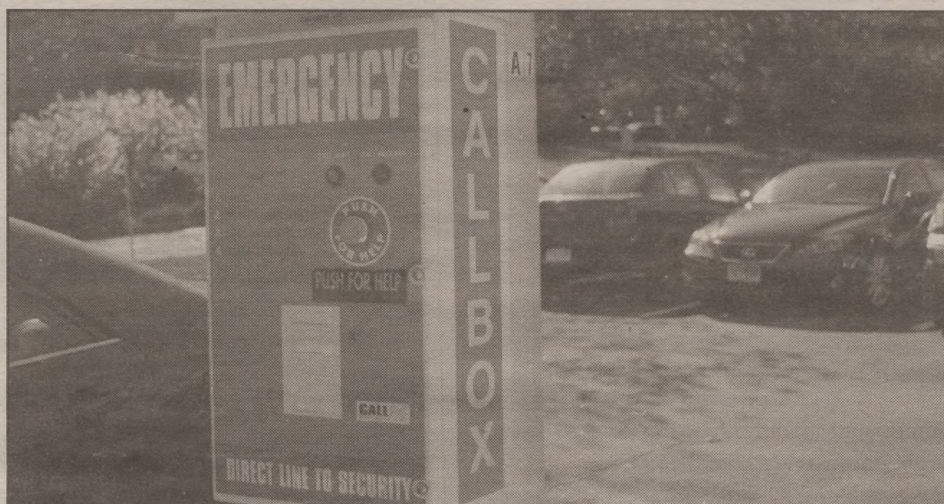
Some students appreciate the aid and feel protected at school. "I don't think anything like Virginia Tech would happen at SHU," said junior Heather Jones. "Although, there is always the possibility of it happening on our campus."

While Jones thinks that there is a chance that something awful could happen, she said that she still feels safe living in the Park Ridge on campus apartments.

"There are double-locked doors and there is always someone from public safety sitting in the parking lot watching the dorms," said Jones.

However, some students have expressed otherwise. "I don't feel safe on campus," said junior Melissa Carroll. "I feel like school shootings are so common in our generation that it if were to happen, we as students wouldn't be surprised."

One way that the department of public safety has tried to ensure the safety



The Spectrum/ Ines Cenatiempo

One of the campus's call boxes, located in the North parking lot, allows students to contact help when needed.

of SHU's students is with an emergency notice system.

In the event of a university-wide emergency, students will be contacted by telephone. If the number given is a mobile phone, SHU will attempt to contact students via text message in addition to a recorded message.

It takes minutes to be added to the emergency notice list. First, log into Web Advisor and click on the "Emergency Notification Info" link under the "User Account" section. Enter the telephone number you wish to be contacted by in case of a campus emergency, and click "Submit" at the bottom of the page.

Despite these attempts at safety, Carroll doubts the school's new system.

"If there ever was a shooting at SHU, what is public safety going to do, send us a text message?" said Carroll.

Public safety officers are not the only ones who want to keep students out of harm's way. Part of being a residential assistant (RA) is making sure that your residents are safe.

"Students should be aware of their surroundings," said junior and RA Danielle Chacra. "Simple things like getting your keys ready before you leave your car at night or always having at least one hand free in case an attacker is nearby can help."

And just in case you ever do feel unsafe on campus, Chacra and Fernandez both suggest entering public safety's number into speed dial on your cell phone.

"If students ever feel that they are in danger, they should immediately call Public Safety," said Chacra. "Programming their emergency number into your cell phone is a priority whether

you think you will need their assistance or not."

Other sections of residential life also play a large role in campus safety. Joel Quintong, director of residential life, said that locking doors is an important part of keeping yourself and others safe.

"Within the residence hall itself, students should always be sure to close and lock their room when nobody is present," said Quintong. He added that it is unsafe "if the doors are propped or if students allow anybody to just 'follow along' into the building behind them."

The public safety escort services and blue light call boxes located around campus are other ways to stay safe and get help when needed.

The public safety escort system is available to students seven days a week from dusk until dawn. A public safety officer will pick you up anywhere on campus and drive you to any location on campus you need to go. There are rules that apply when using the system that can be found on SHU's Web site.

The blue light call boxes located throughout campus provide immediate two-way radio communication between all public safety officers and the caller. If you ever feel unsafe, public safety urges its use.

For more information on how to keep safe, SHU's Web site has an online campus safety quiz that teaches students about what actions to take in certain situations on campus. Visit [http://www.cohncreative.com/campussecurity/campus\\_survival\\_quiz/campus\\_survival\\_quiz.html](http://www.cohncreative.com/campussecurity/campus_survival_quiz/campus_survival_quiz.html) to see how much you really know.

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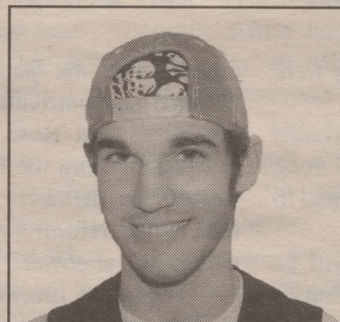
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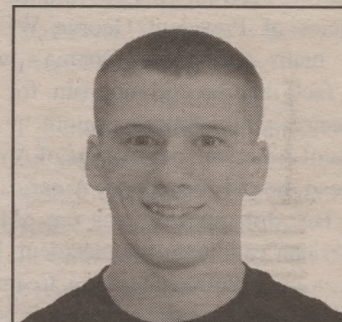
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## What do you like to do off campus?



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"I go to the park."

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## Rave of the week: Yes he did! Obama breaks racial barriers

### Rants & Raves

Allie  
Pohevitz  
Columnist



Posters and flyers everywhere urged, "Barack the vote." And we did just that.

Last Tuesday's election made history for many different reasons. To start, a record number of people came out to vote.

Over 14 million people more than last year got themselves out on Election Day to cast a ballot.

It makes no difference whether you are a Democrat, a Republican, or if you have no affiliation at all. This election is something that Americans should be proud of.

The campaign got people to vote for what they believe in. Even those that have never voted in any election took part in this one.

People finally felt that they could have some power to help change the way our country is being run.

This year, out of the millions who voted, a record number of 28 percent voted before Election Day even took place. People who needed to use absentee ballots made sure that they were a part of this momentous occasion.

Because of Web sites such as [www.declareyourself.com](http://www.declareyourself.com), which gave voters the chance to register their absentee ballots right online, the process was made extremely easy, and required no more than a few clicks of a computer mouse.

Aside from record breaking numbers and a great amount of new voter registrations, Americans elected their first black president.

It took over 200 years and 43 previous presidents, but it finally happened.

President-elect Barack Obama won by a landslide. Earning 364 electoral votes to Senator John McCain's 163, there is no doubt that America is ready for a change.

Obama also won the popular vote with 65,431,955 votes, or 53 percent, to McCain's 57,434,084, or 46 percent.

Many people believe that these numbers were so high thanks to all of the campaigns that have been taking place for months now.

With the economy in the state it is in, and with our soldiers deployed overseas, this will not be an easy place to step in as president. This is the first time since Vietnam where a president will be taking over during wartime.

I think it is safe to say that no matter which candidate you voted for, it was time for a change. America has been ready for a new president for years now, in my opinion.

Even if President-elect Obama had not won, we would have been facing another first. Governor Sarah Palin would have marked history as the first female Vice President.

I think the fact that we, as a country, were able to overcome racial issues and vote based on what was best for the nation is a huge step in the right direction.

Before the election, there were hundreds of Web pages that listed reasons why Obama could not and would not be elected president.

Topping those lists was the reasoning that although white people said that they would vote for a black man, when it came right down to it, they just wouldn't bring themselves to vote for him.

I am glad we were able to get over this ridiculous racism.

Good job, America!



Photo courtesy of Associated Press/ Charles Dharapak  
President-elect Barack Obama meets with current President George W. Bush, and visits the White House for the first time.

## He Said/ She Said...

### Can a "wingman" improve your odds?

Brian  
Germain  
He said



Ah, the wingman. The infamous creature who lurks in the night and determines your success or failure.

Here's the dilemma guys face: we see a pretty girl out at a local establishment, and we want to approach her.

However, she has her best friend who follows her around even closer than if they were conjoined twins.

How do you break them apart for a second so you can talk to the girl who caught your eye without her best friend standing there idly judging every word you speak?

The answer is a wingman. The most under-praised person since the inventor of indoor plumbing. This system has been developed and perfected by men all over the world.

Since women don't traditionally approach men, this is primarily for the male population to carry out.

The key to the system is to never let the friend know she is getting hit on by a wingman. There must be a general interest expressed in this girl who is proving to be quite the speed bump.

Here's a smooth example of how a successful wingman situation would play out. You spot a beautiful dame across the room. She is just asking to be hit on. Unfortunately, she has a friend with her.

Two of them and one of you is an equation that does not compute. But, you're in luck because you have a friend with you! So, the two of you approach the two of them and awkwardly start a casual conversation.

Your wingman talks you up a little bit, all the while keeping his attention on the friend. All goes according to plan and there is eventually a split.

You leave with the apple of your eye, and your friend leaves with the other girl whose name you didn't even pick up because you were so focused on her friend.

And there you are. Call yourself a scientist because you just split apart two girls who stuck together stronger than two molecules with a hydrogen bond.

If you are upset by the fact that you buy into such a repulsive system as this one, feel a little bit better by knowing you are in good company. Even George Bush used a wingman.

This is common knowledge because, if Laura's best friend was standing by hearing the stupid stuff "W" was saying, there's no chance they ever would have talked again.

Everyone needs a wingman to cover his or her back.

Amanda  
Altieri  
She said



If I know one thing about girls, it's that they travel in packs, especially when going out.

Most girls don't like walking around a mall by themselves, let alone a party or a crowded bar. So for that reason, girls stick together. Let's face it, girls don't even go into public bathrooms alone.

When going out, girls stick together because they like to know the people they are surrounded by.

When out at a bar, if a creepy guy starts talking to you, girls like knowing that they can look over to their group of friends and mouth "save me!" for a quick exit out of an awkward situation.

If, by chance, you are out and find a nice group of guys to talk to, it's good to have a group of girls to occupy the rest of the guys. That way, it's not just one person that is getting all of the attention.

Also, it can quickly become uncomfortable if you are out with just one friend and she starts getting hit on, or she begins flirting heavily with a guy. Then you are left awkwardly standing there waiting for her to realize you are all alone.

Girls are smart enough to know that if two guys approach them at the same time, the guys are clearly using the wingman approach.

As a good friend, you always suck it up and listen to whatever crap comes out of the mouth of the wingman until your friend and the guy that was interested in her either exchange numbers or part their separate ways.

Just last weekend for one of my roommates' birthdays, we were out and used the power of girls in packs to fight off many "male cougars," which can be defined as older guys trying to pick up younger girls.

We started calling them this after realizing that they were drunk and their sole intention was to get with the birthday girl.

Eventually, we began to form a wall around her to protect her from the guy who kept trying to get her to dance with him.

The bottom line is that us girls stick together. Not only do we stay together to avoid getting picked up by guys we are uninterested in, but also for the pure fact that girls simply do have more fun when going out as a group.

We can tell if we are getting hit on by a wingman, but for the sake of our friends, we will stay and put up with whatever nonsense comes out of your mouths.

Just don't think you are being so slick.

## Girls & Sports





# —Arts & Entertainment—

## Post-election, Hollywood speaks out

Katie Conigliaro  
Staff Reporter

While Barack Obama was giving his acceptance speech at Chicago's Grant Park on the night of Nov. 4, Madonna was leading her own crowd in celebration of President-elect Obama's win at her San Diego concert on Election Night.

"This is a historical evening," said Madonna. "We are lucky to be sharing it with each other." The singer performed in front of Obama's campaign "HOPE" poster and shouted out, "We have so much to celebrate."

Other celebrities may not have been onstage, but they have been just as vocal in regard to how they feel about the election outcome.

Talk show host Oprah Winfrey, who was present at Grant Park for Obama's speech, said to BBC News, "it feels like hope won. It feels like it's not just victory for Barack Obama. It feels like America did the right thing." She also said, "it feels like anything is now possible."

Though celebrities are outspoken, not everyone feels that celebrity opinion is appropriate. "Their opinions are over-dramatized. People should worry for themselves and not about what others think," said junior Steven Morell. "Obama is both black and white which I think is a good



AP Photo/Elise Amendola and Sue Kroll

**Winfrey campaigning with Obama in South Carolina, and Hasselbeck at a McCain/Palin event in Florida.**

step for America, but by constantly making that distinction they are keeping the separation alive."

The morning after Election Night was filled with commentary by major daytime talk show hosts, including Regis Philbin and Kelly Ripa, as well as Whoopi Goldberg.

The Republican voice was heard

through commentator Elizabeth Hasselbeck on hers and Goldberg's show, "The View."

Hasselbeck is known for her conservative republican position. "God knows I fought hard on the other side, but today is a victory for this country," said Hasselbeck. "I will get in a long line of supporters ... and support our president."

Goldberg said that "this is a moment when you realize you really have become a fabric of America." Her relief at Obama's win was best summed up in her statement regarding being an American: "I could put my suitcase down. Finally," Goldberg said.

In the beginning of "Live! With Regis and Kelly," Philbin said, "it's time, really, for everyone to unite behind this young guy and wish him the best and best thoughts and even, may I say on American television, your prayers. He's got a big load ahead of him."

Ripa, who was wearing an American flag dress, also added, "it doesn't matter where you fall on the political spectrum, what happened last night was history, and it's something we can all be proud of."

Actor Jamie Lee Curtis wrote a thank you note that was published Nov. 4 on the Huffington Post Web site. Part of it reads, "Thank you for understanding World History, Geography, countries and cultures, religions, customs and America's tarnished reputation in those very countries. Thank you for voting against the War and for continuing to voice that opposition."

Freshman Mary Lagrassa said, "It's good that celebrities are sharing their opinions, but their thoughts might affect others."

## Golda revamps Sacred Heart radio station

*'News Junkies' broadcasts to university community, focuses on politics and student issues*

Manny Santiago  
Staff Reporter

With the new and improved Sacred Heart radio station WHRT bringing students more diverse entertainment each day, a new show has hit the limelight and brings a more intellectual feel to the hallways.

"News Junkies," created by Greg Golda, clinical instructor of media studies, gives the student body a fresh look at what is going on in the news today.

The new show takes a look at current events in which college students on campus are interested or by which they may be affected.

The show airs every Thursday from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. and can be listened to in the hallways right next to Chartwell's. Students can also listen to the show on WHRT.com anywhere on campus. For those off campus, the Web site can be accessed via VPN.

"It's a variety talk show," said Golda. "It's current events, it's politics ... anything in the headlines, in the news that pertains to college students."

With WHRT beginning to become a big outlet for students to share their ideas and their personal taste in music, "News Junkies" has the best of both worlds. As well as talking about the news, Golda also throws some music on the air for entertainment when he is not talking about news events.

Golda, who is the host of the show, doesn't just keep the microphone to himself. Every week, he has a new student co-host to talk news with him. In addition to these students, he also brings in professors and other people who have knowledge on the subject about which they are talking that day.

"It's critical that, when I bring people in or when we just talk about the headlines, we get their perspective. I'm kind of just there as their ring leader," said Golda. "I just needed some kind of outlet to talk about these things with the students."

The co-hosts do their part in bringing in stories for

the show to talk about while on-air.

In addition to having other professors and working professionals on, there is also a segment that Golda calls "Phone It In." People call Golda and talk about the subject at hand through the phone.

Last week on the show, Sacred Heart alumnus Matt Libassi participated in this segment and discussed with Golda what he has been doing with his life after graduating from Sacred Heart.

"I have a professor who calls in every week for the 'Five Minute Fix,' which is just a quick chat about things that we are going to be talking about in the coming days," said Golda.

The show also lets the listeners take part in choosing the topics that might be discussed during the show. Through AOL Instant Messenger, students are able to send their topics to Golda. Some are chosen to be used for the on-air discussion.

This past week on the show, two days after Barack Obama's historic presidential win, Golda jumped straight into discussion with a group of five republicans ready to talk about the election.

The show, which can be listened to online along with every other "News Junkies" show on [www.whrtnewsjunkies.blogspot.com](http://www.whrtnewsjunkies.blogspot.com), brought the views of these students out and let them share their feelings about the election.

In addition to being able to listen to past shows that are put on the site, students can find everything and any-



The Spectrum/Manny Santiago

**Golda in the Academic Building's WHRT studio hosting "News Junkies."**

thing they want related to the show online. The "News Junkies" Web site has a countdown to the next show, a "News Junkies" ticker, and contact information along with additional information that Golda wants to share with his audience.

"News Junkies" is just one of the many shows that have sprung out of the ground this year on WHRT. The station has become bigger than ever with over 40 different shows compared to the three that were around last year, according to Golda.

They diversely include sports shows, R&B shows, even heavy metal shows that are being put out for the listening pleasure of students. Every day is full of new and innovative shows that the students have brought to life.



# Movie Review: 'Zack and Miri'

## Smith's latest film pleases, 'gross out' humor and all

Andrew McCoy  
Staff Reporter

What do you do when your water is shut off, you have no power, and your last month's rent was spent on hockey skates?

Make an amateur porn video with your roommate to pay the bills, of course.

At least that is the case in Kevin Smith's latest film, "Zack and Miri Make a Porno."

A serious dent in cash flow brings hard times upon life-long friends Zack, a bearded, sarcastic, Barista played by Seth Rogen, and knockout—but equally brash—Miri (Elizabeth Banks).

The solution to their problem presents itself at their 10 year high school reunion. Here, Miri finds that her long-time crush is gay and dating Brandon (Justin Long), the star of all-male eroticas such as "Shut up or I'll" ... Well, you get the idea.

Because, as Zack explains, "everyone wants to see anyone doing it," the two decide they can sell a sex tape of themselves.

Zack calls on his fellow co-worker Delaney (Craig Robinson) whose love for the female form is rivaled only by contempt for his marriage, to produce and fund the movie. Robinson's acting falls a close second to his work on "The Office."

Like in his other movies, Smith brings back the reoccurring roles of Jason Mewes (a.k.a. Jay of Jay and Silent Bob) who does some of the best acting of his career in the character of Lester, as well as Jeff



Photo courtesy of The Weinstein Company

Rogen and Banks size up a potential adult film cast member in "Zack and Miri."

Anderson ("Clerks") as Deacon the film-ographer.

Add to the cast some real life porn stars Bubbles (Traci Lords), and Stacey (Katie Morgan) and Zack and Miri are ready to shoot filth.

The gross-out gags that riddle the majority of the film then make way for the mush when Miri and Zack realize their chemistry. In most cases, this is where his films flop (see "Clerks II"), but with "Zack and Miri," Smith executes it flawlessly.

And maybe that's something to say for the writing and directing of the movie. Not since "Dogma" has Smith done such a good job with the story and directing of the movie. Blame it on Rogen, but the movie

feels less like a Jay and Silent Bob, and more like the "Superbad" of porn.

And it wouldn't be a Kevin Smith flick if it weren't for the music. Smith does an excellent job with picking songs to truly fit the scene. Not since "Fight Club" has a movie been able to capture a moment through the use of a Pixies song.

In all of this, viewers will be grossed out. They will be offended numerous times. In fact, they will see things that they never even wanted to see (hint Jason Mewes).

But Smith makes it work. "Zack and Miri" becomes one of the best disgustingly funny films to date. As Deacon so eloquently puts it, "I'm disturbed by how turned on by this I am." **GRADE: B+**

# Late night talk show changes in near future

Jared Faircloth  
Staff Reporter

Happy birthday, Jimmy Kimmel.

Today is the late night talk show host's 41st birthday. His program, "Jimmy Kimmel Live," competes for ratings with other late night talk shows every week-night.

Kimmel once starred alongside Adam Carolla on Comedy Central's "The Man Show."

Despite having his own television show, Kimmel is more famous among Sacred Heart students for his relationships. "More than anything I am interested in his relationship with comedian Sarah Silverman," said junior Meghan Dick. "I once watched the show to see the music video Silverman made about having an affair with Ben Affleck. It was really funny."

Fellow comedian Silverman currently has her own show on Comedy Central called "The Sarah Silverman Program."

Another television star turned talk show host is Carson Daly. Before Daly had his own late night talk show, he was the host of music video countdown show "Total Request Live." Now, Carson hosts the final late night talk show on the NBC lineup.

"I think having his own talk show boosts his popularity," said Dick. "He used to be on MTV and dropped off the face of the earth. A few months later he was back in the spotlight with his own talk show."

But it takes more than a comedic knack to live up to the late night legends. Jay Leno took over for late night icon Johnny Carson as the host of NBC's "Tonight Show" in 1992.

His humorous take on newspaper headlines, interaction with people while

less," said senior Alex DiGiorgi. "David Letterman and Jay Leno have comedy targeted towards an older crowd. I might watch it with my parents, but Conan has more comedy for a broad audience."

Comedian, Jimmy Fallon, will host O'Brien's "Late Night" once O'Brien takes over the "Tonight Show" in 2009.

Fallon is a standup comedian who started his career as an actor on "Saturday Night Live." On "SNL," he made audiences laugh every week at his comedy styling on the news program "Weekend Update" with his co-star Tina Fey. He has starred in movies including "Fever Pitch" and "Almost Famous."

"It's a comedian's job to work with writers and try to be funny every night," said Fallon in an interview with Christina Kinon of "The Daily News." "That's the challenge of live TV, to come back every night and try to be funny."

Some students simply don't have time to watch late night talk shows.

"I'm normally in bed by the time they're on," said senior Jennifer Crowley. "I'm involved with the swim team and I'm tired late at night or have a class scheduled in the morning."

Kimmel turns 41 today and many of his audience members may be closer to his age.



AP Photo/Damian Dovarganes and Joe Cavaretta

Kimmel hosting "Jimmy Kimmel Live," and O'Brien at his "Late Night" desk.

"Jaywalking," and collection of sports cars have endeared him to Americans. On May 29, 2009, Conan O'Brien will take Leno's place as host of the "Tonight Show."

O'Brien started his career as a television writer for "Saturday Night Live" and "The Simpsons," and currently has his own show, on after Leno.

"I like Conan O'Brien best out of all talk show hosts. His comedy seems time-

# Spears makes career comeback, possible world tour

Michael Squitieri  
Staff Reporter

"Hit me baby one more time."

That is just what Britney Spears is doing with her latest hit "Womanizer." After years of ups and downs, Spears is ready for her comeback and she wants the whole world to know.

On Dec. 2, Spears is both coming out with a new album entitled *Circus* and turning 27. There has also been talk of a huge world tour to follow.

"I am looking forward to her new album coming out," said junior Michele Russo. "I have always been a fan of her and all her stuff. And I really do like the new single 'Womanizer.' She is going back to her dance roots and just having a good time with this new album."

Over the last few years, Spears has been through a lot. She divorced her former husband Kevin Federline with whom she has two young boys. Soon after, Spears publicly went to a hair salon and shaved off all of her hair. At this time, she was also going through a custody battle with Federline over their two children.

Spears lost custody of her children to Federline and was only allowed by the judge to have supervised visits with them in the presence of a court-appointed supervisor. It was rumored by gossip Web sites that Spears suffered a nervous breakdown. She was subsequently hospitalized.

After her hospitalization her father, Jamie Spears, had the court appoint him as Spears' legal guardian.

Spears went on to release her album *Blackout*. She then famously performed the album's first single "Gimme More" at the 2007 MTV Video Music Awards.

MTV advertised the awards show as a Spears comeback, but Spears' performance was panned and talked about for weeks after as one of her worst on every television show and tabloid.

"I remember watching that show last year," said junior Ashley Critelli. "I was so excited to see Britney back on stage. But once she came out and started to attempt to dance and lip-sync badly I knew it was not going to turn out good."

Now, things seem to be turning around for Spears. There is no more negative tabloid news about her and she is getting her career back on track. If her first single from *Circus* is any indication, Spears is back. According to iTunes, the day *Circus* was released, it reached number one on their charts.

On Nov. 6, Spears made a special guest appearance on Madonna's "Sticky Sweet Tour" in Los Angeles, according to TMZ.com.

"I watched them together and she did really good. She looked so pretty and sounded great. I'm just happy she is back doing her own thing again," said Russo.

Spears seems to be doing a lot better both mentally and physically, as well.

"I am just really happy that she is getting her life back together," said Critelli. "It's been so long since we have seen her as her normal self. But I do sometimes miss the crazy and wild Britney. She made for some good news."



# Features

## Popular usage of Salvia impedes medical usage

Alex Moreno  
Staff Reporter

To quote Led Zeppelin, "I had a dream, crazy dream. Anything I wanted to know, any place I needed to go." Well imagine if there was something out there that could bring you to these places in a matter of seconds.

Salvia Divinorum, a psychoactive herb, has gained popularity since the 1990's is now being put into questioning. Controversy now surrounds its use, leaving people wondering if this legally sold plant should become prohibited because of its high-powered hallucinogenic effects.

"Salvia will induce a hallucinatory state, but qualitatively it's different from LSD and other hallucinogens," The feelings it evokes are more dream-like, more natural. It doesn't feel like a drug."

Salvia was first found in Oaxaca, Mexico, where Mazatec Indians used it to bring people into a more visionary state of mind during a spiritual healing session. Jean Basset Johnson wrote some of the first recordings of its use and effects in 1939.

The chemical Salvinorin A is said to be the main ingredient that creates a hallucinogenic effect when the herb is taken into the body. Unlike other psychedelic drugs such as LSD or mescaline that react to the serotonin receptor to set off the mind into a state of hallucination, Salvinorin A does not effect this part of the brain.

D.M. Turner describes in his book "Salvinorin - The Psychedelic Essence of Salvia Divinorum" some of the effects of salvia such as uncontrollable laughter, visions of past memories or feeling sensations of motion or force lasting only five to ten minutes. It has been stated that the strength and effects of the plant differ from person to person.

Though the herb is legal and sold online and in head shops, some states have felt its effects are too strong and



AP Photo/Don Ryan

### Legal salvia sold in tobacco shops.

fear it may become "the next marijuana." States such as Louisiana, Florida, Kansas and North Dakota have passed bills making the sale or use of the herb illegal.

As of Jan. 1, 2009 the sale of salvia in California will be illegal to anyone under the age of 18. In Delaware, the herb was outlawed because of a teen's suicide in 2006, who had reportedly used the drug regularly, but was not under its influence at the time of his death.

Recently, users of the drug have posted videos of people getting high off salvia on YouTube. Siebert stated in article for the San Francisco Chronicle about his thoughts on the YouTube videos and how this could affect people's perspective on the drug.

"Those videos are certainly not going to help the situation. They make salvia look like some horrible drug that makes people nuts and dangerous," said Siebert.

"Certainly it's a powerful substance, and if it's used in a reckless way it can be a dangerous thing. Having been a teenager, I can understand why there's a certain thrill in doing crazy stuff like that."

In a 2007 survey conducted by San Diego State University of more than 1,500 students, results concluded that 4 percent of the students who participated said they had used salvia within the past year.

As far as medical use, studies are still in the early stages because of how new the drug is, but there is speculation on how it could be used in a positive way.

"If we can find a drug that blocks salvia's effects, there's good evidence it could treat brain disorders including depression, schizophrenia, Alzheimer's, maybe even HIV," said Dr. Bryan L. Roth, of University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in an article in the New York Times.

Dr. John Mendelson, a pharmacologist at the California Pacific Medical Center Research Institute, is recently studying the effects of salvia on the humans. He stated his thoughts in the San Francisco Chronicle about how making the herb illegal is not a good business decision.

"We have this incredible new compound, the first in its class; it absolutely has potential medical use, and here we're talking about throttling it because some people get intoxicated on it. It couldn't be more foolish from a business point of view," said Mendelson.

Though many states have already banned or regulated the use or sale of the drug, many are following in the same way. Yet Bertha Madras, deputy director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy, stated in the New York Times how though some of the effects are known, there is still not enough information about salvia to have the government approval to ban it.

"The risk of any drug that is intoxicating is high. You're one car ride away from an event that could be life-altering. But in terms of really good studies, there is just very little. So what do you do? How do you make policy in the absence of good hard cold information?" said Madras.

## Students given opportunity to witness history *Sacred Heart offers trip to attend presidential inauguration in January*

Angela Salerno  
Staff Reporter

It started with George Washington, went onto John Adams, and then Thomas Jefferson to current President-elect Barack Obama. It's one of the most important events for the United States in which history is made, and it's known as the presidential inauguration.

When Obama and Joe Biden are officially sworn into office in the White House as president and vice president of the United States, Sacred Heart University students will be able to take part by experiencing this tradition firsthand.

"Students will return home with memories for a lifetime. The inauguration of an American president, regardless of party, is an event unlike anything else they will ever experience," said Dr. Gary Rose, department chair of government and politics.

Rose, hosts a three-day trip to the presidential inauguration in which he feels will provide students with an opportunity they will never forget. It allows students to attend and experience it first hand.

In the seven years Rose has hosted trips to presidential inaugurations, this is the first year in which he says responses were so high for attendance that he has needed to charter a second bus for the event. Although Rose started booking spots for the trip prior to Election Day, students showed a high interest in attendance without even knowing which presidential candidate would be sworn into office.

"Ninety-five students signed up for the trip prior to the election. However, I have received several inquiries since Nov. 4," said Rose.

The trip which takes place on Jan. 18 through Jan. 20 not only provides students of the inauguration ceremony but also includes other political events as well.

For the cost of \$300, students attending the trip will also be given a lecture on presidential politics, a policy-briefing lesson, a moonlight tour of Washington monuments, along with an evening shuttle to Georgetown.

Senior Nick Edwards is attending the trip not only for all the events that are included but also because this presidential inauguration marks a first in presidential history.

"I have never seen a president in person before, and to be able to see such a historic political tradition in this country would be something I would always remember, especially because this is the inauguration of the first black president," said Edwards.

Rose believes part of the high response to this trip is due to just that, the marking of a first in American democracy and the fact that more and more students are beginning to take an interest in politics.

"It's Obamamania, and also a sense among young people, regardless of their party preference, that politics matter. It's very refreshing to see this," said Rose.

Senior Matthew Telvi also looks forward to witnessing history and planned to attend the event no matter which candidate won.

"A president gets elected once every four years, and having the chance to go to the inauguration is an unbelievable opportunity for me and my classmates," said Telvi. "It doesn't matter who is being elected for president, whoever holds the position will do great things for our country."

The number in Sacred Heart students has increased from 50 to 100 students in attendance and Rose also believes this inauguration will break records for the total number of people in attendance.

"The enthusiasm level for this inauguration is unprecedented. I'm predicting that more than 1 million people will be present for Obama's inauguration. It will be a national and world event of enormous proportions," said Rose.

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## Get your party masks on: Semi-formal 2008

Marisa Graniela  
Staff Reporter

On Saturday Dec. 6, Sacred Heart University will be holding their annual semi-formal dance at the Stamford Marriott. The class of 2010 will host the masquerade themed ball and they expect tickets sales to do extremely well.

"I definitely think that this semi-formal will have the most attendees. I think that large part of it is due to the advertising. The board and I are doing everything we can to get the word out," said junior Kristin Finan.

The junior class board had the privilege of revealing this year's theme at Midnight Madness on Friday, Oct. 17. With the huge turnout of this event, the board was able to inform a large mass of students in all classes.

"Our class board decided to announce the theme at Midnight Madness. We were just trying to think of a way to be different," said Finan. "When the DJ announced the semi-formal theme, all of us ran down the aisles of the bleachers and passed out masquerade masks. This was just another way to get the students excited."

Another way that the board is trying to pump up the Sacred Heart community is by distributing free raffles when you buy a ticket. Students that purchase their tickets on the first day of ticket sales will have the chance to win a free haircut.

As of right now, the board is also working on getting a limo to take the raffle winner and a few friends to the dance, but they aren't making any promises just yet.

In past years there has been much confusion about semiformal. Some students didn't realize that there was not an age requirement to attend.

"It is definitely a misconception that the annual semi-formal is meant only for the upperclassmen. We're inviting students from all grades to come out and enjoy a great night of dancing and fun. The underclassmen are particularly important to us as we approach ticket sales because they are the largest group of students on campus but the dance is for everyone," said junior Ted Fifield.

Students that we unaware of this in past years are the most excited about attending this year.

"I never knew that you didn't have to be an upperclassman to attend the semi-formal dance. Last year I was a freshman and my friends and I didn't go because we thought freshmen weren't allowed. We all will definitely be attending this year and we're all really excited," said sophomore Lauren Merriam.

This year, the board's level of advertisement has increased exponentially. Not only are e-mails sent out to students regularly but fliers have been posted all over the Sacred Heart campus such as TV's in the main academic building, glass displays, cafeterias, hallways, and residence halls.

Tickets are scheduled to go on sale Thursday, Nov. 13 in the Faculty Lounge from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. For Sacred Heart students, tickets are \$30 and non-Sacred Heart students are \$50.

The junior class is advising anyone who plans on attending to get there as early as possible since the demand is at its peak.

The class of 2010 has been working vigorously on this project since last year. They anticipate this year to be the best year in Sacred Heart history to date.

"From the décor, to the food and music, the atmosphere will be unbeatable. The class of 2010 encourages all to take part in this event, with or without a mask, and enjoy what is sure to be a fabulous night," said junior Stephanie Elmessaoudi.

## Sacred Heart turkey drive helps Bridgeport families during holiday season

Patrick Bonner  
Staff Reporter

The leaves lie dead on the ground in the brisk late autumn weather while families gather around the table for Thanksgiving dinner.

This family's meal would not have been possible without the donations made by the Sacred Heart University community.

Although poverty is present during all seasons in Bridgeport, during the colder holiday season, the gap between those who have and those who have not widens.

"The community relies on Sacred Heart and we always rise to meet the needs," said Dawn Doucette, coordinator of volunteer's programs.

Sacred Heart is working with St. Charles Parish in Bridgeport to meet the needs of the community.

For the past years the need has been five hundred turkeys, in addition to canned foods and cash donations.

This year, in part because of the economy, the need has jumped.

"This year 800 families have expressed need," said Doucette. "They are counting on us. The goal this year is 200 turkeys, that is 25 percent of everything they are asking for."

With the help of many different clubs and organizations such as SHU F.O.R.C.E., student government, Daughters of Isabella, and various sports teams, the goal is attainable.

Jennifer Crowhurst, Residence Hall Director and faculty advisor to the Daughters of Isabella, has both her RAs and the Daughters of Isabella helping.

Amanda Rowe, one of Crowhurst's RAs, has set up boxes in Roncalli Hall to collect donations of canned goods from her

residents. The Daughters of Isabella have been soliciting the help of local business for turkeys, canned foods, and money.

Various sports teams usually volunteer to collect and help distribute the turkeys and the heavy boxes of canned goods.

Stephanie Ciccone, vice president of SHU Force said, "We have all of the girls bringing in money for turkeys. We are also having all of the girls on the team bring in at least two canned foods. We know they need more turkeys and food, so we are doing what we can to help out."

Students can independently donate as well. "I know a lot of students go home on the weekend," said Crowhurst.

"That would be a really good time to ask their families to donate and help families in need."

The canned goods that students independently collect will be gathered at an interfaith service on campus in the University Commons.

The interfaith service will be on Nov. 19 at noon.

Students will also have the opportunity to drop off donations in marked boxes placed all over campus. "We are putting up boxes in the hallway so students can just drop them off. We are even setting up a drop off box at the outside campuses like Cambridge," said Doucette. "Right now the box we have set up is in the Volunteers Office, but the more boxes set up the more people will know about it"

Despite the contributions from clubs, sports teams, and other groups the need is still very real. "Every little bit helps," said Doucette. Students are encouraged to donate as much as they can.

"We know that even though it doesn't seem like much," said Ciccone, "every can we bring in is food for someone who didn't have it before."

## Shuttles help car-less students get around town

Kyle Bush  
Staff Reporter

Out of gas? Don't have a car on campus? Don't worry; Sacred Heart University's shuttles have got you covered.

Sacred Heart's shuttle services, commonly know as "SHuttles" to students, take many different routes around the neighborhood and to off-campus dorms.

For the freshmen class, the shuttle services are the only transportation that is offered, since students cannot own a car on campus until sophomore year.

Shuttle services at Sacred Heart include stops at the mall, Stop and Shop, Black Rock Turnpike shopping plaza, the train station, ferry, and stops to school buildings.

"We get them to wherever they need to go," said shuttle

driver Michael Dibitto, "We take them to their apartment, the school, to go shopping. It's a big convenience for students."

Apart from taking students to their dorms or to the grocery store, Sacred Heart shuttles can also provide a ride to places where students can have fun and relax.

The Oakview/Cambridge shuttle drop-offs and pick-ups students everyday from the Bowtie Cinema after 5 p.m. by request only.

Students simply have to tell the driver when they need to be picked up and brought back to school.

Recently, however, Sacred Heart has offered a new service to students, providing another opportunity to do something fun on the weekends by taking them to downtown Fairfield.

The downtown Fairfield shuttle is offered on Saturdays, and departs campus at 4, 6, 8, and

10 p.m. It drops students off at the gazebo on the town green and returns to pick them up on the half hour, up to 12:30 a.m.

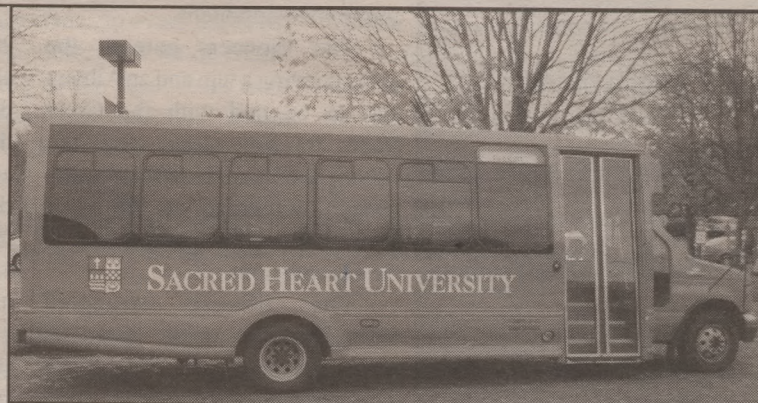
"I think the downtown Fairfield shuttle is pretty good," said shuttle driver John Curran. "While the businesses are open it's a good thing to have, and it gives students somewhere else to go."

The new service and schedule expands options for students who can't get around on their own.

"I think it's a good thing that the school has new things to offer," said freshmen John Gil, "Sometimes things get old and it's nice to have a variety of different places to go."

Last Saturday, the downtown Fairfield shuttle even offered a stop at the Nutmeg-bowling alley and gave students a chance to do more things off-campus.

Shuttle drivers have noticed an increase in ridership this



The Spectrum/Kyle Bush

The shuttle waiting outside of public safety.

school year, and with new services and with the price of gas, they are not surprised.

"In the past month ridership has picked up," said Curran. "The weather hasn't even gotten too bad yet, and hopefully in the winter we'll pick up more."

Since the shuttle services run from 7 a.m. to midnight, there are plenty of students who use it.

"I would say from morning until our last run about 400 to 500

students use the service," said Dibitto.

For students trying to save a little money, the shuttle services are free and provide a guaranteed ride from campus on the hour.

This saves students who go home by train or ferry both time and money.

"It beats paying money for a taxi someplace," said Gil. "It would cost me \$70 round trip to get home without the shuttle."



# Sports

## Weekend Scoreboard

Friday, November 7

### M. Soccer

LIU-1

SHU-2

### Field Hockey

SHU-0

Rider-2

### W. Ice Hockey

SHU-2

Salve Regina-6

Saturday, November 8

### Football

SHU-7

Monmouth-19

### W. Volleyball

St. Francis (PA)-3

SHU-2

### W. Swimming

SHU-89

CW Post-112

Sunday, November 9

### M. Soccer

St. Francis (NY)-1

SHU-1 (2OT)

### W. Volleyball

RMU-3

SHU-0

## On Deck

Friday, November 14

W. Volleyball @ LIU

5 p.m.

M. Basketball @ Holy Cross

7 p.m.

W. Basketball @ Kansas

7 p.m.

M. Ice Hockey @ AIU

7:05 p.m.

Saturday, November 15

Football vs. CCSU

1 p.m.

W. Volleyball @

St. Francis (N.Y.) 1 p.m.

M. Ice Hockey vs. AIU

7:05 p.m.

W. Ice Hockey @ Nichols

8:30 p.m.



Photo courtesy of Athletics Communications

Sacred Heart's Tony Patterson (#4) is brought down from behind by an Albany defender on Oct. 18 at Campus Field.

## Lack of offense dooms Pioneers vs. Monmouth

Steve Coppola  
Staff Reporter

The Sacred Heart University football team's last hopes of capturing a Northeast Conference championship this season were washed away with a wet and rainy loss at Monmouth University on Saturday afternoon.

The Pioneers were held under 21 points for the first time this season and also did not force a turnover for the first time all year as they lost to the Hawks 19-7 in West Long Branch, N.J.

While being held to a season-low 183 total yards on offense and only two second-half first downs, it was the Pioneers' second loss on the season and second to a conference opponent.

The Pioneers entered the game needing a win and an Albany loss to be tied with the Great Danes for first place. However, Albany won to extend their undefeated conference record while Monmouth's victory kept them in the playoff hunt.

The offense struggled throughout the whole game as senior running back Evin Jones was held to a season low 26-yards on 10 carries.

The passing game wasn't much better as redshirt-sophomore quarterback Dale Fink managed only 150 yards through the air going 19-33 with a touchdown and an interception.

Starting the game with the ball, the Monmouth Hawks struck first.

Moving the ball to the Pioneers 11-yard line, Sacred Heart's defense finally stiffened up. After a 12-yard sack by junior end Bill O'Brian on third

down, the Hawks were forced to attempt a 41-yard field goal. The kicked sailed through the uprights and gave Monmouth the early 3-0 lead.

Trying to respond on their first possession, the Pioneers took over deep in their own territory. They found success moving the ball against the Hawks' defense and were able to drive to the 20-yard line before the drive stalled.

Sacred Heart attempted the 37-yard field goal to tie the game at three but the kick from senior kicker Joe Schroeder missed sailed wide right.

The score remained 3-0 for the rest of the first quarter as both defenses kept each other in check.

Starting from their own 20-yard line, the Hawks were able to drive the ball all the way down to the seven-yard line of the Pioneers. The defense was able to keep the Hawks out of the end zone and force them to attempt a 24-yard field goal. The kick sailed through the uprights and gave the Hawks a 6-0 lead.

The Pioneers finally saw things go their way on their next possession.

Starting from their own 16-yard line, the Pioneers were able to move the ball and ultimately found the end zone when Fink connected with Jones for the one-yard touchdown catch.

After Schroeder added the extra point, the Pioneers took the lead 7-6 but this was all the scoring that the Pioneers could muster against an excellent Hawks defense.

Although Sacred Heart went into the locker room at halftime with the lead, the second half

didn't go as well as they had hoped.

After trading the ball on their first three possessions of the second half, the Hawks finally found the end zone.

Moving the ball mostly through the air, the Hawks were able to get the ball to the 3-yard line before running back David Sinisi plunged in for the touchdown.

The third quarter came to an end with the Pioneers trailing 13-7.

Sacred Heart was again forced to punt the ball the ball back to the Hawks on the 36-yard line.

It took them just eight plays to cover the 64 yards and Sinisi once again punched it in - this time from 12 yards out.

This gave the Hawks a 19-7 lead and ended the scoring in the game.

With this loss, the Pioneers fall to 8-2 on the season and 4-2 in conference play.

The Pioneers still had a chance to win the NEC championship if they had won and the University of Albany had lost. With their second loss in conference play and Albany remaining undefeated, the Pioneers find themselves two games back with only one game to play, making it impossible for Sacred Heart to bring home the championship.

Although it was a tough loss for the Pioneers to swallow, they will look to rebound next week when they take on instate rival Central Connecticut State University on Senior Day at Campus Field.

Kickoff is set for 1 p.m. with pre-game ceremonies beginning at 12:30 p.m.

## W. Swimming team falls to Post, now 1-2

Mike Randa  
Staff Reporter

The Sacred Heart University women's swimming and diving team suffered their second loss of the season on Nov. 8 against CW Post in Brookville, N.Y.

Despite the 112-89 loss, the team battled CW Post to the very end and secured victories in the 200 freestyle, the 1,000 freestyle, and the 200 butterfly strokes.

The program has experienced a remarkable turnaround under head coach Richard Ludemann and is a strong contender for a conference championship this season.

"We have the best team we've ever had and although we lost [on Saturday], we were only 13 points shy of beating them and last year they killed us," said senior captain Erin Bulvanoski.

The Pioneers started the season off with a 103-95 victory over Mount St. Mary's on Oct. 25 but have not been able to win since then.

In that meet, junior Johanna Kos and sophomore Jackie Balder led the way for the Pioneers as Kos took home the 200 IM with a time of 2:32.71 while Balder secured victories in the 400m and 800m events.

In their first loss of the season against Central Connecticut State University on Nov. 2, the Pioneers once again received victories from Kos and sophomore Katie Marshall as well as from the relay team of Bulvanoski, Balder, Molly McDonald, and Elyse Mannino which won their event with a time of 8:51.30.

The Pioneers also received contributions from their underclassmen as freshman Laurie Casado set a school record in the 200 yard breaststroke while Balder came in first in both the 1,000 and 500 freestyle events. Marshall also won the 200 freestyle and the 200 butterfly.

"Our [underclassmen] are a huge asset to the team and their presence has definitely shown," said senior captain Jen Crowley.

The team's strong work ethic and commitment is also proving to be the difference maker thus far.

"We have been working really hard since September and it has really shown," said senior captain Jacqueline Sweeney.

While the team remains focused on each regular season meet, their ultimate goal is to have a successful showing in the NEC championships.

"We're not thinking too much of the dual meets; we're more focused on the championships in February," said Bulvanoski. "The championships are the most important goal for our team."

The Pioneers will return to the pool tomorrow when they compete in the three day Rutgers Invitational in New Brunswick, N.J.



# Men's Basketball picked to finish second

## Ready, set, go: First stop- College of the Holy Cross

Emily Gumbs  
Asst. Sports Editor

The Sacred Heart University men's basketball team tips off their season tomorrow night on the road at Holy Cross in Worcester at 7 p.m.

The Pioneers were picked to finish second in the Northeast Conference preseason coach's poll, with defending champion Mount St. Mary's chosen first. Robert Morris University was picked third, while Fairleigh Dickinson University and Central Connecticut State University tied for fourth. Long Island University was picked sixth followed by Quinnipiac University in seventh, Wagner in eighth, Monmouth in ninth, St. Francis (NY) in tenth, and St. Francis (PA) in eleventh.

Graduate student and team captain Joey Henley was named to the pre-season All-NEC team. He is making another comeback after medically red-shirting last season for the second time in his career.

"He is focused," said head coach Dave Bike. "He always plays hard and likes to participate. You don't have to worry about him. When the ball is thrown up he is always ready to compete."

Two years ago, Henley averaged 11.1 points per game and 4.5 rebounds, while hitting 56.8 percent of his shots from the field. In his three seasons of play he has accumulated 911 points and 438 rebounds and will likely have the most impressive statistics of any player who has been with the Pioneers in ten years of Division I play.

Henley can be vocal when needed, but he prefers to do things quietly.

"I give them leadership by example, prepare them for what coaches want," said Henley.

With Henley's veteran leadership mixed with the other veterans and the rookies, the Pioneers are expecting to be very successful this season.

"We have the talent and a real good chance to do well



Photo courtesy of Athletic Communications

**Sacred Heart's Corey Hassan (#4) in a game against Army last season at the William H. Pitt Center.**

this season," said Bike. "We have had good pre-season practices. We've been playing hard and if the cards fall in place during the season we will do fine."

"I think we are ready for the season to start," said junior forward Corey Hassan. "We're all looking forward

to Holy Cross and getting the season underway."

The rookies on the team have big shoes to fill, with the losses of Brice Brooks, Drew Shubik, Gene Pettway and Luke Granato.

"Drew was a great point guard. Losing that hurts us," said Henley. "But we brought in some good freshman and with Jerrell (Thompson), myself and Ryon (Howard) from last year we should be OK."

The freshman have stepped onto a team loaded with veterans and will have to learn from scratch how things are done in the college game, but coach Bike believes they are coming along.

"They are a solid group," he said. "The two freshman guards, Shane Gibson and Steve Zazuri have the best chance of playing early."

The team personnel has changed quite a bit the last few years but many players think this could be the best team the Pioneers have ever had.

"I feel like the team chemistry might be a little better than it has in previous seasons," said Hassan. "The freshmen are doing a good job. All of them have been picking up the plays quick and should have a positive impact right away."

The Pioneers defeated Holy Cross in the Pitt Center last season, 61-58 in front of a nearly full house. It might not be as easy for the team when it plays in Worcester. "Holy Cross has been a very good team over the years," said Bike. "Playing at their place for the opening game could prove to be very tough."

The Crusaders will be opening their season tomorrow night as well. They defeated crosstown rival Assumption College, 91-69, in an exhibition game last week. Senior forward Colin Cunningham had 17 points and six rebounds.

No matter where the game is played, the team captain just wants to get things started.

"It's nice to have a home game and play in front of your fans," said Henley. "But I am anxious to play. We will get it done on the road."

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# Sports

## Pioneers dedicating season to fallen teammate *Moray's presence still felt by Pioneer women*

Rob Morgan  
Sports Editor

When the Sacred Heart University women's basketball team suits up tomorrow night for their first regular season game against the Kansas University Jayhawks, they will do so with heavy hearts.

That's because one of their former teammates, Lisa Moray, was tragically killed in an automobile accident on June 18, 2008 near her home in Dutchess County, N.Y.

Moray was truly an integral part of the Pioneer squad during her four years at Sacred Heart, and even though she graduated from the university last spring, she will always be considered a part of the women's basketball team.

Every player will be sporting the number 11 on their uniforms tomorrow night – and for the rest of the season – as a tribute to Moray who was a close friend of several current Pioneer players.

At Moray's funeral service in Hopewell Junction, N.Y., members of the team wore their home white jerseys to St. Columba church and served as the honorary pallbearers – an extremely moving gesture which spoke volumes about how much Moray meant to them.

It's been almost five months since that fateful day in June but Moray is still very much on the minds of everyone associated with the women's basketball program.

Listening to Moray's former teammates and coaches speak of her, it is clear that she will be with them not only for this season, but for the rest of their lives.

"It's a tragic loss of life," said Pioneers head coach Ed Swanson. "Any time you lose someone at such a young age, it hurts terribly," said Swanson.

Naturally, some of the players are still struggling with the loss of Moray who was such an inspirational figure and a model teammate.

"Lisa was such a positive person," said senior Stephanie Ryan. "She was always smiling and laughing and she was truly the

spirit of our team. There wasn't one person on the team that didn't love her."

Others smiled when they recalled the jokes that Moray would share during shoot-a-rounds and at team get-togethers and that's what keeps them strong during such a difficult time in their lives.

"The time when we most remember [Lisa] is when we step on the basketball floor and that's probably the place where Lisa felt most comfortable," said Swanson.

Even in life's most difficult times, people often find comfort in doing what they enjoy. In this case, just being out on the basketball court has allowed the team to come together while focusing on the upcoming season.

"It's brought us all together," said Ryan. "[Lisa] gives us all a reason to play."

While it has been a difficult five months, Swanson and his coaching staff know it is time to move forward because that's exactly what his former guard would have wanted.

"The only way we can move forward is to honor her and think about her on a daily basis and do what Lisa would want us to do and that's play hard and play together."

At Roy C. Ketcham High School in Wappingers Falls, N.Y. – Moray's alma mater – there will be a memorial basketball tournament in her memory on Dec. 5 and 6. All proceeds from the tournament will go towards a scholarship fund that has also been set up in her memory.

It was at Ketcham where Moray scored a Wappingers School District record 2,021 points during her six years on the varsity squad while earning all-league honors her freshman year, all-section honors her sophomore year, and all-state honors her junior and senior years.

This impressive resume captured the attention of Swanson who offered her a full athletic scholarship to continue her basketball career at Sacred Heart.

While Moray was Sacred Heart's third

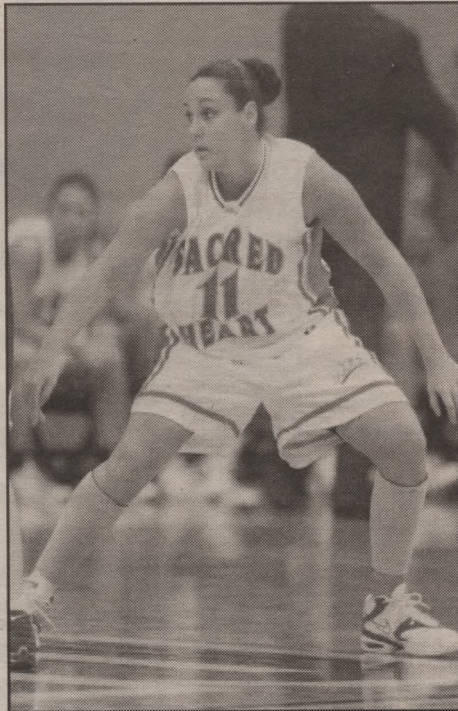


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**The Pioneers are dedicating their season to former teammate Lisa Moray, shown above in a game last season at the Pitt Center.**

choice at her position, Swanson called it a "blessing" that their top two choices decided to play elsewhere, thus enabling Moray to sign her letter of intent to play for the Pioneers.

"You never know how recruiting is going to work out," said Swanson. "One of the players we were looking at went to Manhattan [College] and another went to UMass so it kind of opened up the door for Lisa and she turned out to be a big-time player for us."

Moray's coach at Ketcham, Kristie Meyer, knew from the first time the two met that Moray was not only a special player but a special person as well.

"[Ketcham] was my first coaching job out of college and Lisa took me in not only as the coach but also as a family member before the season even started," said Meyer.

Two of Moray's best attributes,

according to Meyer, were her ability to recruit people to play basketball and make everyone on the team feel like a family.

Moray's success continued at Sacred Heart where she was a key contributor during her four years on the team including the 2006-07 season when she set a school record for three-point field goals in a season with 32.

She would finish her college career with 160 three-pointers which places her third on the Pioneers' all-time list.

"Lisa excelled at the biggest moments," said Swanson. "When I look back at her career, she hit more big shots than anyone who has put on the Pioneer uniform. When the spotlight was on, she always delivered."

One of these big-time moments that Swanson is referring to happened when the Pioneers won the Northeast Conference championship for the first time ever in the 2005-06 season.

When the final buzzer sounded, the players stormed the court at the William H. Pitt Center and were utterly ecstatic after earning their first trip to the prestigious NCAA tournament.

In a special letter of thanks to the Sacred Heart community after her passing, Moray's parents expressed gratitude to the women's basketball team for helping Moray fulfill a lifelong dream of making it to the tournament.

"[Lisa] truly got her chance to Dance, and for that we thank you," read the letter.

Since her tragic and untimely death, some of Moray's closest friends have been keeping her memory alive by placing white bracelets at some of her favorite places to visit.

Bracelets have already been left in Rome, the Poconos, Brooklyn, and Baltimore so that a part of Moray will always be there.

And when the Pioneers begin their season tomorrow night in Kansas, Lisa Moray will be there, too.

## M. Soccer ends season with 1-1 tie to St. Francis

Ryan Mongillo  
Staff Reporter

After the Sacred Heart University men's soccer team earned a 2-1 victory over Long Island University on Friday, Nov. 7, the Pioneers faced a tense game on Sunday at Campus Field against St. Francis College (N.Y.). Both teams needed a win to make the Northeast Conference playoffs and their 1-1 tie meant neither team would extend their season.

On Friday, junior Filipe Celikkaya scored the game-winning goal for the Pioneers at Campus Field to extend their playoff hopes for another game.

"We played with a lot of heart and determination because we knew we had to win [Friday's] game to extend our playoff chances," said senior Matt Jones.

The Pioneers got on the scoreboard first when sophomore Mario Millili fired

a crossover to senior Jason Tessitore who buried the ball into the back of the net six minutes into the game to give the Pioneers the early lead.

Long Island would not give up that easily, however, as their own playoff hopes were also at stake in this game.

The Blackbirds used one of their 10 corner kick opportunities to gain the equalizer in minute 27 of the game. Craig Stant swung a corner kick in and Steve Jakubowski was able to get free from the Pioneer defense and flick a header that rang off the left goalpost and into the back of the net.

With the momentum shifting towards the Blackbirds, the Pioneers knew they could not afford to hang their heads as they still needed a goal to extend their playoff hopes.

"We knew if we could continue to push the ball up and create opportunities, we were going to break the tie," said senior

Luke Gagliardi. "We couldn't allow their goal to change our mindset and our desire to win this game."

In minute 72, the Pioneers created the opportunity they were hoping for and cashed in on it when sophomore William Richards launched a cross towards Celikkaya who redirected the ball with his right foot into the Blackbirds' goal to put the Pioneers ahead 2-1, a lead they did not relinquish.

"Once we went back up 2-1, there was no way we were going to let them even the score," said Jones. "Our defense has been solid all season and we wanted to give ourselves the opportunity to have a meaningful game on Sunday."

The Pioneers outshot the Blackbirds 14-6 while their defense fended off nine of 10 corner opportunities. Jones needed to make only one save throughout the game.

On Sunday, the Pioneers fought hard throughout the game against St. Francis,

but could not salvage a victory as they earned a 1-1 tie, meaning that neither team would make it to the postseason.

"It's difficult that we had this game at home on our senior day and we couldn't come out with a win and a chance to go somewhere in the NEC playoffs," said Gagliardi.

Gagliardi got the Pioneers on the scoreboard first after Tessitore played a cross over to him and he converted on an astonishing bicycle kick goal into the left corner of the net.

Every one of the Pioneer players on the field piled onto each other to celebrate the goal and to show St. Francis that they were determined to win this game and make it to the playoffs.

The drama picked up where it left off in the second half as the emotions of both teams ran high.

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# One and done: Field Hockey eliminated from playoffs by second-seeded Rider

Mike Hauck  
Staff Reporter

The Sacred Heart University women's field hockey season came to an end this past weekend when they fell to Rider University 2-0 in the first round of the NEC tournament in Lock Haven, Pa.

"It's disappointing to lose in the playoffs especially after such a closely played game," said senior captain Carisa Eye. "We had a great season and we all had a great time playing this year, so we can't be totally bummed out about the loss."

Sacred Heart was the third-seed in the tournament while Rider was the second-seed.

Both teams played strong defense as the game was scoreless for the entire first half.

Sacred Heart's goaltender, Whitney Mills, was forced to make only four saves in net while Rider's goaltender, Lyndsie Johnson, made only two saves.

The first goal of the game came late in the second half at the 58 minute mark when Rider senior Tricia Crotty scored her tenth and most important goal of the season to give her team a 1-0 lead over the Pioneers.

Crotty was set up from a cross that came in from the right and she whacked it in to the back of the net for what would prove to be the game-winning goal.

"Both teams kind of had a feeling that either team could score and the team that did that first would probably win the game," said Eye. "Especially when it was so late in the game, the wind gets taken out of your sails and you have to play a differ-



Sacred Heart's Chelsea Carlson (#16) fights for the ball against Fairfield on Sept. 12.

ent game. There was a sense of urgency to score after that and I think that only hurt our chances."

Six minutes later, the Broncos scored again to take away any hope of a Pioneer comeback when Virginia Egusquiza was called on for Rider to take a penalty stroke and she converted on the opportunity.

Melissa Mazin and Dana Luhrs each had three shots for the Pioneers but could not manage to find the back of the cage.

Eye, did not have her usual game as Rider held the three-time NEC first-teamer to only two shots in the game.

"It was a really frustrating game for me," said Eye. "They were playing good defense and the ball just wasn't bouncing our way that day. You always get the

should have, would have, could have after a loss, but there wasn't that much we could do that game. Rider played a great game and they were the better team on that day, as much as it pains me to say that."

Rider went on to lose their championship game to top-seeded and tournament host Lock Haven College 3-1 on Sunday, Nov. 9 to bring the women's field hockey season to an official end.

Four of Sacred Heart's players received All-Conference Honors and Eye received the NEC Offensive Player of the Year Award.

Sacred Heart finished the season with a 7-12 record and will lose some of their best players on the team and in the entire league due to graduation.

The team played some of the top squads around the nation on their trip to Chicago which made their record deceiving because they played top-notch teams and they played better than their record indicates.

"I'm going to miss playing with all the girls on the team, but I had a great time playing for Sacred Heart and I would not change a thing about it," said Eye. "I wish the best of luck to the team for next season and hope they do well in the future."

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The teams combined for 38 fouls with St. Francis being called for 23 of them. Six yellow cards were awarded in the game; three to the Pioneers and three to St. Francis.

At the 82 minute mark, the wind was taken right out of the Pioneers' sails as the Terriers worked up a scoring opportunity and converted on it when John Sallhag received a crossing pass off a free kick from Jeverton De Lorenzi and managed to beat Jones and a swarming Pioneer defense.

"It was hard watching that goal go in, because we were eight minutes away from victory and the NEC playoffs," said Jones.

The excitement continued in the first overtime period as the Terriers were awarded a penalty kick and a chance to grab the win.

Sallhag was chosen to take the kick but it sailed over the net and the game continued.

The Terriers continued to press the action when Javier Gonzales was able to get a clean header off on Jones who managed to corral the ball and keep the score tied.

The Pioneers had their first and only legitimate scoring opportunity in the second overtime, but Gagliardi's drive sailed over the crossbar.

Neither team scored for the rest of the period and the game finished in a 1-1 tie.

In their four seasons, the seniors enjoyed 31 wins and a trip to the NEC playoffs last season.

"We have developed such a great bond over the last four seasons, and I'll miss playing with these guys," said Jones.

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Sacred Heart's Ryan Litke (#2) battles teammate Josh Marshall (#23) for a rebound during practice on Nov. 11 at the Pitt Center.



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